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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000-
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

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BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Permanent boundary between V and III Corps (effective 072132A): Present boundary to F2728 thence ROITZHEIM F3427 (incl V Corps) - PALMERSHEIM F3726 (incl to III Corps) - F4524 - F5019 - F5517 - F5715 - F5913 - BREISIG F5912 (all incl to V Corps).

Boundary between III and VII Corps: As before to F1440 thence F2240 - F2441 - F2841 - F3139 - F3739 - F4037 - F4438 - F5042.

Boundary between First Canadian and Second British Armies (effective 071200A): As before to VOORHEIDE E1607 thence all inclusive Second Army LAGE MIERDE E2615 - MIDDEL BEERS E2721 - OIRSCHOT E3125 - BEST E3726 - ST OEDENRODE E4232 - VEGHEL E4737 - UDEN E5342 - thence exclusive GRAVE E6253 thence along MAAS River to VENLO E9109.

Rear boundary First Army (effective 081200A): Commencing at present Army north boundary vicinity SOUVRE K5639 - thence south along road N 43 to LIEGE K4828 - thence south along road N 15 to CHENEE K5026 - BEAUPAYS K5120 - AYWAILLES K5410 - WERBOMONT K5400 - MANHAY P5390 to boundary between First and Third Armies (all incl to Com Z).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (071200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. No change.

SEVENTH ARMY. 3d and 45th Divisions. No change. 65th Infantry Regiment. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of CHATEAU SALINS Q0925.

VI Corps. No change.

XV Corps. No change.

XXI Corps. 70th Division. 274th Infantry voluntarily withdrew one-quarter of a mile on their right flank and three-quarters of a mile from the eastern outskirts of the wooded area Q4368 to the line of the railroad in the vicinity of Q4066. Front line change: Q4367 - Q4066.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (072400A). 29th Division. No change.

XIX Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. No change.

XVI Corps. 35th Division. (With CCB, 8th Armd Div, and 15th Cav Gp atchd). Attacked in the direction of OSSENBERG A1930 and gained one and one-quarter miles on a one and one-half mile front. 291st Infantry (75th Div) was attached effective 071700A and commenced the relief of troops in the vicinity of RHEINBERG A2128 and east thereof to the corps boundary. Front line change: A1828 - A1730. 30th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of ECHT K6980.

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SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XII Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. 15th Division. Was attached to XII Corps and concentrated in the vicinity of X2070. 49th Division. No change.

XXX Corps. 52d Division. (With 34th Tk Bde atchd). Relieved the 53d Division at 081000A. 53d Division. (With 8th Arm'd Bde atchd). The 8th Armored Brigade was relieved from attachment and attached to the 52d Division. Guards Armored Division. The 8th Infantry Brigade (3d Div) was attached to the division.

II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Advanced one and one-half miles on a one and one-half mile front against moderate resistance. Front line change: A1234 - A1036. 2d Canadian Division. Advanced one mile east against moderate resistance. Front line change: A1039. 43d Division. Attacked in the direction of XANTEN A1141 and reached the western edge of the town against moderate resistance. Front line change: XANTEN A1141.

I Corps. No change.

AIR. (7 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 930 bombers on an oil refinery at DORTMUND A8025, benzol plants at DATTELN A7340 and CASTROP A7028, a marshalling yard at SOEST B2631 and a viaduct at BIELEFELD B5381. 379 aircraft dropped 268.6 tons of general purpose and 35.7 tons of incendiary bombs on assigned targets and several targets of opportunity. 241 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber operation. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: No operations. The Tactical Air Commands flew 28 sorties.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Rain and drizzle. Clouds: Low clouds at dawn, improving during the day. Visibility: 1 to 2 miles at dawn, becoming 5 to 8 miles, except in showers. Wind: 10 mph, northwest. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 45° F. Minimum 35° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. 89th Division. Attached to XII Corps.

XX Corps. 26th Division. Continued relief of the 94th Division. The 328th Infantry relieved the 376th Infantry (94th Div). The 104th Infantry closed in the vicinity of IRSCH L1712. 94th Division. (With 3d Cav Gp atchd). Mopped up the enemy infiltration in the vicinity of LAMPADEN L2517 and restored the original line. Continued mopping up in the area. Front line change: L2617. 10th Armored Division. (With 417th Inf atchd). Combat Command "B" and the 417th Infantry advanced against moderate resistance to QUINT L2536. Combat Command "A" crossed the KYLL River in the bridgehead of the 78th Division (XII Corps) and advanced to L2745. Combat Command "R" commenced movement to the vicinity of QUINT. Front line change: QUINT L2536 - L2745. 65th Division. Assumed responsibility for the sector of the 26th Division at 0700A. The 260th Infantry relieved units of the 26th Division in the SAARLAUTERN Q2981 bridgehead.

XII Corps. 76th Division. (Less 417th Inf and with 2d Cav Gp atchd). Advanced four miles east on a five mile front and followed the advance of the 10th Armored Division (XX Corps). Captured ARRENATH L2851, RODT L2341, ZEMMER L2544, NIEDERKAIL L2953. Front line change: L2945 - L2849 - L3051. 5th Division. Units crossed the SALM River in the vicinity of L2860 and captured EISENSCHMITT L2761. The 11th Infantry Regiment (motorized) commenced movement to the vicinity of OBERSTADTFELD L3075. Front line change: L2860 - EISENSCHMITT L2761. 4th Armored Division. Extended the spearhead seventeen miles northeast against scattered resistance and over poor roads. Combat Command "A" reached L5781 and continued the advance to the vicinity of BASSENHEIM L8095. Combat Command "B"

up against minor resistance and cleared all enemy from the division zone. 28th Division. Cleared isolated pockets of resistance from the division zone and remained on the division objectives along the AHR River. 2d Division. Maintained existing defenses and mopped up in the division zone of action against negligible resistance. Then attacked and reached OBR. HECKENBACH F5307, RAMERSBACH F5410 and KONIGSFELD F6011 after an advance to the east of seven miles. Front line change: F4005 - F5305 - OBR. HECKENBACH F5307 - RAMERSBACH F5410 - KONIGSFELD F6011 - F5718.

III Corps. Strengthened bridgehead over the RHINE River in the vicinity of REMAGEN F6420. Twelve Infantry battalions, two anti-tank battalions, two tank battalions, one tank destroyer battalion and one anti-aircraft battalion crossed into the bridgehead area. The Commanding General, 9th Division, was in command of the bridgehead area at the close of the period. Resistance to the expansion of the bridgehead increased on the north. 78th Division. (less 310th Inf). The 311th Infantry moved to the vicinity of HONNEF F6427 in the bridgehead. The 209th Infantry Regiment continued movement to cross into the bridgehead. Front line change: HONNEF F6427. 9th Armored Division. (With 310th Inf atchd). The 310th Infantry Regiment advanced to the vicinity of OCKENFELS F6720, LINZ F6718 and LEUBSDORF F6816 in the RHINE River bridgehead. 47th Infantry Regiment reverted to the 9th Division. Front line change: LEUBSDORF F6816 - LINZ F6718. 9th Division. Captured BAD GODESBERG F5932. The west bank of the RHINE River from SINZIG F6516 north to GRIMLINGHAUSEN F3187 has been cleared of enemy resistance. The 47th Infantry advanced in the bridgehead area to the high ground in the vicinity of F6624 and to the hill at F6723. The 39th Infantry Regiment was attached to the 7th Armored Division. Front line change: F6821 - hill F6723 - high ground F6624. 7th Armored Division. (With 39th Inf atchd). Assumed responsibility for the sector of the 9th Division west of the RHINE River.

VII Corps. 1st Division. (With 14th Cav Gp atchd). Continued the attack in BONN F5437 against stiff resistance. The enemy has been cleared from nearly all of the city but the bridge over the RHINE River has been blown. 104th Division. Maintained existing defenses and assumed responsibility for the sector of the 8th Division at 2335A. 3d Armored Division. 13th Infantry reverted to the control of the 8th Division. 4th Cavalry Group. Completed the relief of the 99th Division and assumed responsibility for that sector at 081115A. Now hold the line of the RHINE River from F3876 to F2187. 99th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of GOHR F2879. 8th Division. Assembled in the vicinity of F4052.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 082400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	62,519	255,182	35,134	8,857	361,692
Non-battle					262,634
Total Casualties					624,326

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Twenty-First Army Group: First Canadian Army GRAVE E6253; XVI Corps NIEUKERK A0518; 51st Division K5990; 52d Division A1024; 2d Canadian Division A0244; 7th Armored Division HEEZE E4911; 4th Canadian Armored Division A0239.

Twelfth Army Group: VII Corps LOVENICH F3661; VIII Corps SCHONECKEN L0974; 1st Division F4039; 5th Division DUDELDORF L2153; 9th Division ERPEL F6420; 76th Division SPEICHER L2149; 87th Division LISSENDORF L1991; 90th Division KIRCHWEILER L2981; 4th Armored Division POLCH L6939.

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